

I am a citizen who is very concerned about media consolidation, and the recent activity of Sinclair Broadcast Group is a good illustration of local news interests going missing in favor of a large corporate agenda.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. It has a legal obligation to serve the public interest. But as a large company, it also serves the interest of its bottom line, and when a large company has the control Sinclair Broadcast Group does, it shows us that the bottom line then can be, and is, allowed to take priority over our democracy.

We, the American public, need to see news about real people in our communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. In order to facilitate this, we need to strengthen media ownership rules.

Thank you.